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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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PATENT

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On April 21, 2004

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

David S. SOANE,
Michael R. HOUSTON, and
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Application No.: 10/004,453

Filed: December 5, 2001

For: NEAR-NET-SHAPE
POLYMERIZATION PROCESS
AND MATERIALS SUITABLE
FOR USE THEREWITH

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 9742

Examiner: Mullis, Jeffrey C.

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1711

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 23, 2004 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the section entitled "Claims as Amended" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.